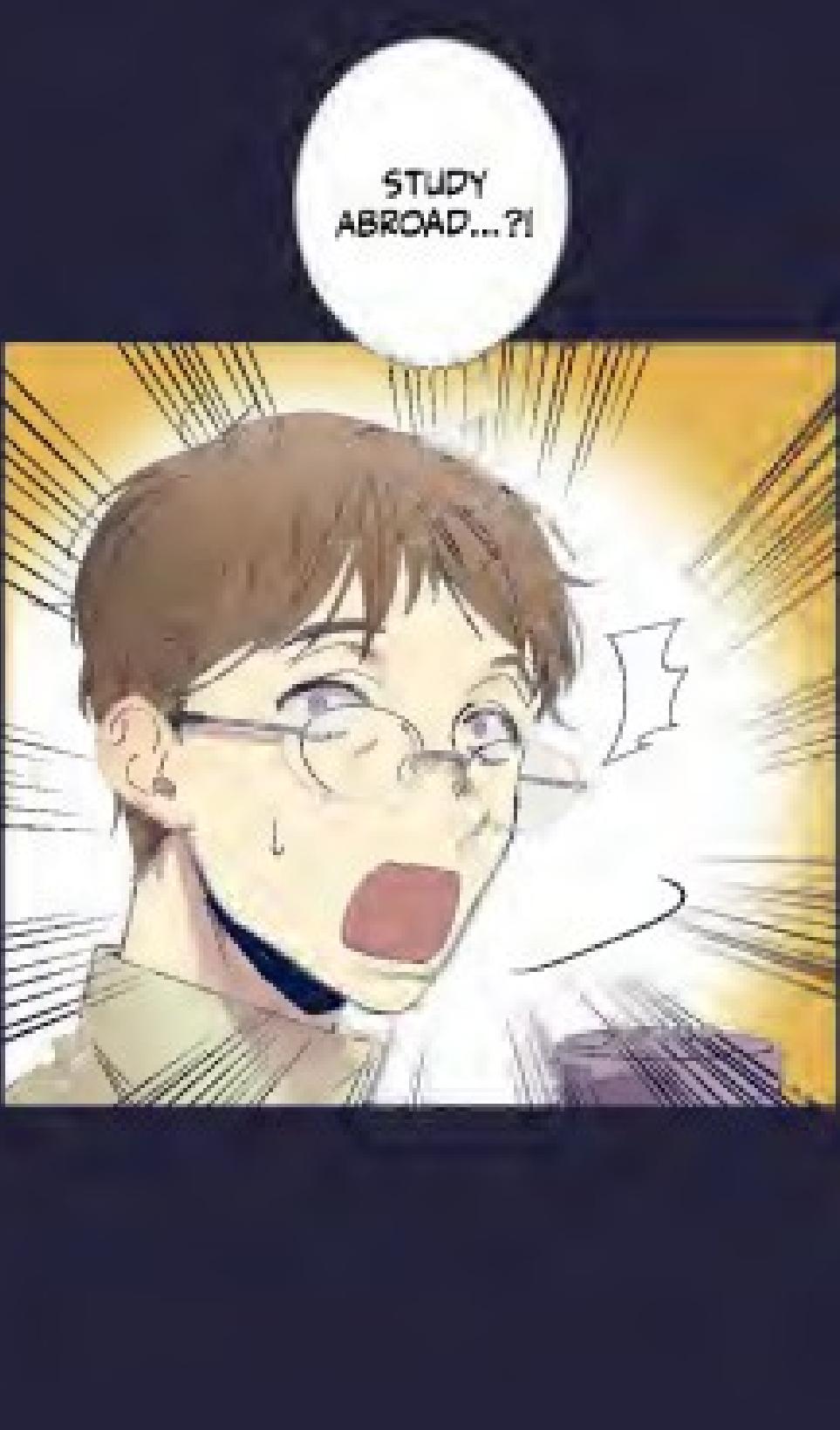


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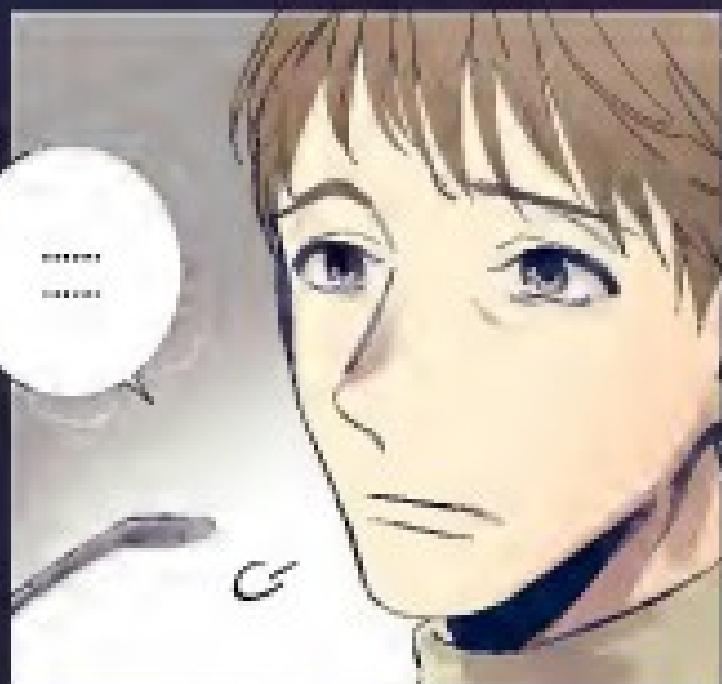
STUDY
ABROAD...?!



HEHE

YEAH.

AH, YOU
DON'T HAVE
TO WORRY ABOUT
THE COST. I'VE
BEEN SAVING
UP QUITE A
LOT...

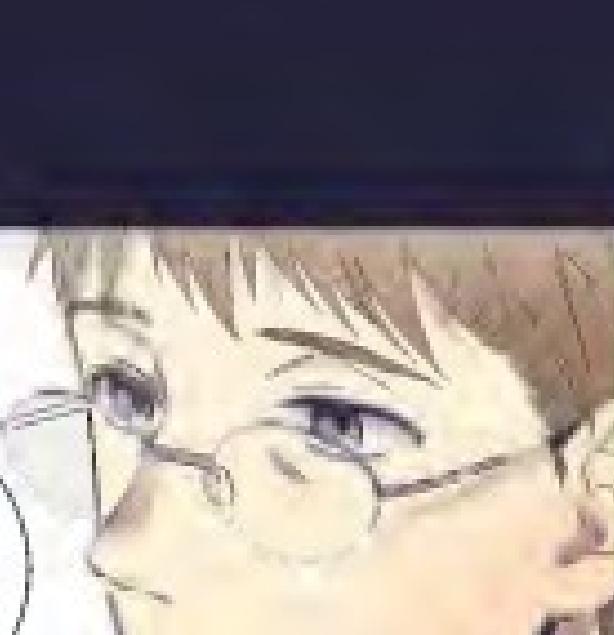




I WAS
WONDERING
WHY YOU'VE
BEEN WORKING
SO MUCH.



NOW I SEE.
YOU'VE BEEN
PREPARING FOR
QUITE A WHILE.
THEN.



WHAT
ABOUT
YOUNG WON?

DID YOU
TELL HIM?



...AND
I HEARD

YOU'VE
STARTED
WORRYING ABOUT
WHAT TO DO
WITH WON.



I BELIEVE
THAT YOU
FOUND OUT ABOUT
YOUR PLANS TO
STUDY ABROAD,
MILADY.

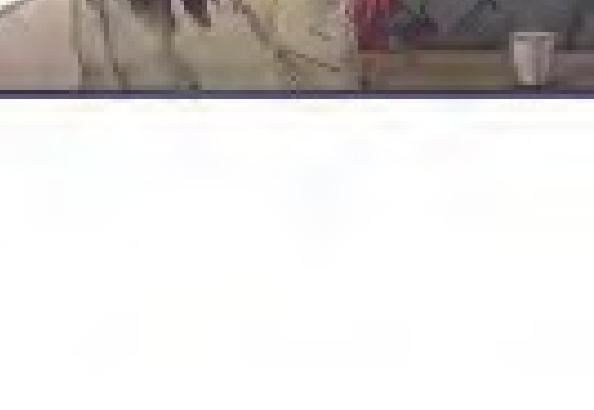
...WHAT?

I NEVER TOLD
HIM ANYTHING—?



HE WANTED
TO POSTPONE
MAKING PLANS
AFTER GRADUATION
INDEFINITELY.

HIS
MOTHER AND
I HAD NO CHOICE
BUT TO RESPECT
HIS DECISION.

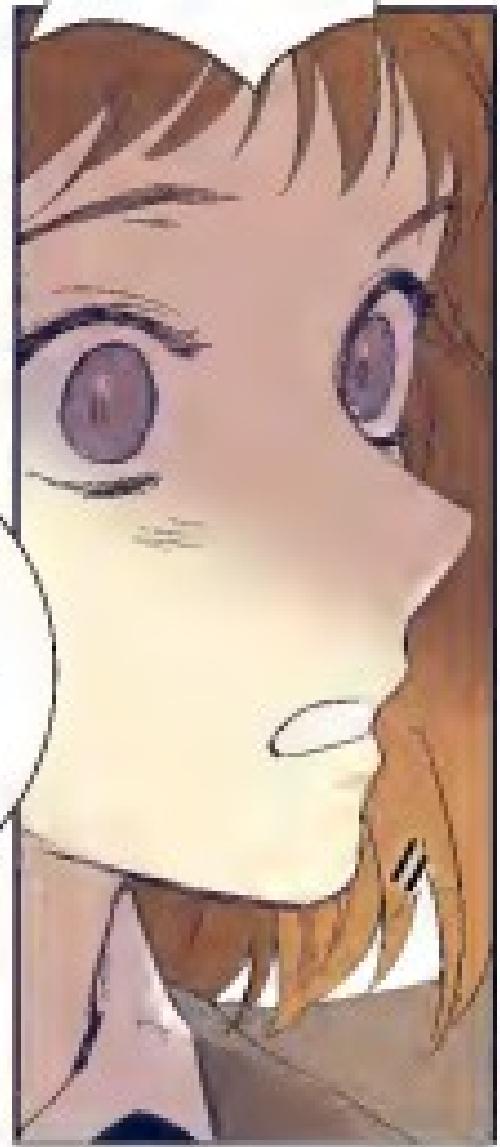


BUT
YOU DON'T
WANT TO
GO ABROAD
WITH HIM.
DO YOU?





NO, IT'S
NOT A MATTER
OF WHETHER I
WANT HIM TO
COME OR
NOT!



I DON'T
LIKE THE FACT
THAT YOUNGJIN
CAN'T FOLLOW HIS
OWN PATH BECAUSE
OF ME...!



MILADY.



WHATEVER
HE WANTS,

HE WILL
FOLLOW YOU
ANYWHERE IF
WANT HIM
TO.

AND HE
WILL STAY
HERE IF YOU
DON'T.

EVEN IF
THAT MEANS
HE'LL BE IN
PAIN.



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MUNCH

MUNCH

IS SOMETHING WRONG? YOU SEEM DISTRACTED.



HEY,
WHAT
WOULD IT
BE LIKE

TO BE
FORCED TO
SERVE SOMEONE
FOR THE REST
OF YOUR
LIFE?

HUH?

A CLASS
SYSTEM?
IN THE 21ST
CENTURY?

AHAHA

LIKE A
SLAVE?

AHAHA

IT'D BE
HORRIBLE, OF
COURSE.

NOPE

STERN

...HORRIBLE.
RIGHT?

SIGHHHHH

...SIGH

KREEK



I'M
HOME.



HI,
JOON.

YOU
DON'T HAVE
WORK TODAY,
RIGHT? WANNA
GET SOMETHING
TO EAT?



TAP



JOON?







MY FAVORITE PASTIME WAS READING BOOKS AND WRITING.

AND YOUNGWOON'S WAS ARCHITECTURE.



ONCE I FOUND OUT HE HAD A DREAM,

I WANTED HIM TO FOLLOW THAT DREAM.



AS WRITING HAS LITTLE DO WITH LOCATION...

AND I DECIDED TO FOLLOW ALONG ON YOUNGWOON'S STUDIES ABROAD.

OMG.



IT'S THE OTHER WAY AROUND...

GRIP

WITH YOUNGWON AND I...



THE PENALTIES
OF PHYSICAL
SEPARATION AND
DISOBEDIENCE.

HEADACHE
AND FAINTING,
WERE MORE
POWERFUL IN
THE PAST.

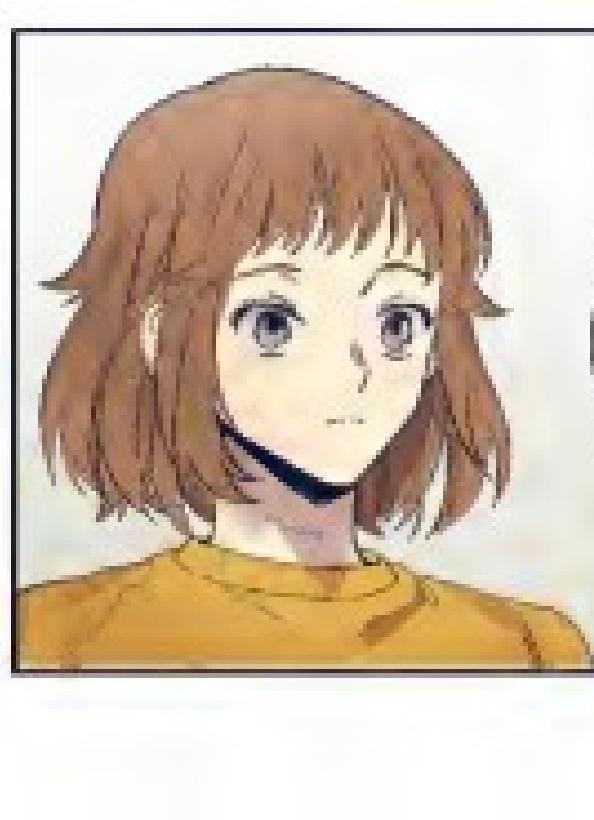
AND THE

"SUBORDINATES"
IN THE PAST WERE
LIKE SLAVES, UNABLE
TO DISOBEDIENCE THEIR
MASTERS.



I HATED
THAT SO MUCH
THAT I FORBIDDEN
YOUNGWOOD FROM
CALLING ME
"MASTER."

AND
I TRIED MY
BEST NOT TO USE
WORDS THAT
SOUNDED LIKE AN
"ORDER."



AND
THROUGH YEARS
OF PRACTICE, WE
LEARNED HOW TO
DEAL WITH THE
PENALTIES.



THAT'S ALL.
THE PENALTIES
ARE STILL
THERE.



HAVE YOU...

EVER
THOUGHT ABOUT
"LIBERATING"
MR. SWON?



OF COURSE
I DID. BUT
OTHER MEMBERS
IN OUR FAMILY
WERE FURIOUS
AND TRIED TO
DISSUADE ME.

AND I
COULDN'T
RECEIVE HELP
FROM YOUNGWOOD
AS THE SUBORDINATE
ARE FORBIDDEN
FROM EVEN
THINKING ABOUT
"LIBERATION."



SO I
WAS ON
MY OWN.



SO DID
YOU FIND
SOMETHING
HELPFUL...?



THERE WERE
NO CASES OR
MEDICAL RECORDS
THAT RECORDED
SYMPTOMS OR
CONDITIONS
EVEN SIMILAR
TO THE
"SUBORDINATES."

I ALSO
WENT THROUGH
THE RECORDS IN
OUR FAMILY, BUT IT
SEEMED THAT OUR
ANCESTORS TRIED
NOT TO UNDO
THE CURSE.

BUT
ONLY TO
CONCEAL
IT.



THAT'S
WHEN I STARTED
WONDERING HOW
THE CURSE
STARTED.

To be continued...